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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3960

AMEMBASSY ANKARA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T BEIRUT 5007

EXDIS

FOR NEA ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON; FOR SY VICTOR DIKEOS

DEPT PASS DEA JOHN BARTEL JR.

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PINS, LE

SUBJECT: DETENTION DEA S/A JOHN MCKAY BY PALESTINIANS

REF: BEIRUT 5001

STATE 089804

BEIRUT 5004

1. MCKAY BEING DEBRIEFED BY VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THIS MISSION. DCM AND I HAVE JUST MET WITH HIM FOR 45 MINUTES. ALTHOUGH HE WAS SLAPPED AROUND A BIT BY PALESTINIAN INTERROGATORS, HE APPEARS IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL SHAPE BUT TIRED. HIS REPORT ON INTERROGATIONS CONVINCED ME THAT HE DID NOT REVEAL ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO USG. FORTUNATELY, HIS JOB WAS TOTALLY OVERT COORDINATION WITH LEBANESE ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE AND HE HAD NO REPEAT NO ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED EMBASSY OPERATIONS.

2. MORE COMPLETE REPORT ON HIS DETENTION WILL BE PREPARED OVER WEEKEND AND SUMMARY WILL BE FORWARDED TELEGRAPHICALLY EARLY NEXT WEEK. MCKAY AND DEA SUPERVISOR MARIA WILL BE MEETING WITH CHIEF OF  
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LEBANESE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION THIS

AFTERNOON AND PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WILL  
BE MCKAY'S FUTURE SECURITY BEIRUT AND HIS CONTINUED  
USEFULNESS HERE. AS OF THE MOMENT I AM NOT REPEAT  
NOT CONCERNED RE MCKAY'S SECURITY.  
GODLEY

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DEA.

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